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To: SACs, Dallas (89-43)  
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From: Director, FBI (62-109060)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
 NOVEMBER 22, 1963,  
 DALLAS, TEXAS

Deleted Copy Sent *Wm J. Walter*  
 by letter 10/2/75  
 per FOIA Request

Enclosed for the Los Angeles and Jackson Offices are the following enclosures:

LHM dated 2/2/68 at Jacksonville, Florida; LHM dated 2/5/68 at New Orleans; LHM dated 2/6/68 at Washington, D. C.; LHM dated 2/6/68 at Washington, D. C.; letter to the Attorney General dated 3/20/68; a signed statement of William S. Walter dated 3/20/68 at Nashville, Tennessee; letter to the Attorney General dated 4/4/68, and an LHM dated 5/16/68 at Memphis, Tennessee.

Each office will note that the enclosures deal with an allegation made by William S. Walter, former Security Patrol Clerk of the New Orleans Office, wherein Walter alleges that some time during his tour of duty (midnight to 8 a.m.) on 11/17/63 he received a teletype from FBI Headquarters containing information to the effect that there might be an assassination attempt on President John F. Kennedy in Texas.

Bureau has ascertained that Thomas J. Bevans, now a Special Agent assigned to the Los Angeles Office, was a Security Patrol Clerk in the New Orleans Office in November, 1963. Bevans, according to payroll records, worked the 4:15 p.m. 11/16/63 to 12:15 a.m. 11/17/63 security patrol shift in the New Orleans Office and later worked the 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. 11/17/63

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security patrol shift in the New Orleans Office. In other words, Bevans preceded and succeeded Walter who worked the 12:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., 11/17/63 security patrol shift in the New Orleans Office.

Bureau payroll records also reveal that Thomas Cecil McCurley, a former Security Patrol Clerk of the New Orleans Office in November, 1963, worked the 12:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. security patrol shift on 11/16/63 and the 4:15 p.m., 11/17/63 to 12:15 a.m., 11/18/63 security patrol shift. Walter worked the 12:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. shift on 11/18/63, thus relieving McCurley.

[ McCurley resigned from the Bureau 1/14/66, planning to attend school on a full-time basis. His forwarding address at the time of his resignation was Route 1, Box 61, Gloster, Mississippi. In November, 1967, McCurley reportedly resided at 705 Lindsey Drive, Jackson, Mississippi.

The personnel file of William S. Walter disclosed that he considered McCurley as one of his closest friends and had served as best man at McCurley's wedding in New Orleans on 7/16/66. Walter was on sick-leave status on the day of the wedding and, as a result, was censured for demonstrating atrocious judgment concerning his personal activities while on a sick-leave status.]

The Los Angeles Office should immediately interview Special Agent Thomas J. Bevans and ascertain whether he possesses any knowledge of a Bureau communication to New Orleans on 11/17/63 or any other date reporting a threat to President Kennedy in connection with his trip to Texas in November, 1963. The Jackson Office should immediately locate and interview McCurley concerning the same matter.

If either Bevans or McCurley indicates during interview that there was such a communication as alleged by Walter, the matter should be pursued intensively and full details should be obtained and a signed statement taken.

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Interviews of Bevans and McCurley, respectively, should be handled personally by you or your Assistant Special Agent in Charge, assisted by another experienced Bureau Agent. Results of your interview of Bevans and McCurley, respectively, should be immediately forwarded to the Bureau in an LHM suitable for dissemination to the Department of Justice.

NOTE:

William S. Walter, former Security Patrol Clerk in New Orleans Office resigned in September, 1966, while on probation. On Johnny Carson show 2/1/68 New Orleans District Attorney Garrison alleged Walter possessed information there was FBI communication sent to New Orleans 11/17/63 report a threat against President Kennedy during latter's forthcoming trip to Texas. We have interviewed Walter on several occasions and he has furnished conflicting information. It appears he is being pressured by Garrison and Mark Lane to furnish false information. Full details have been disseminated to Department and Department has requested by letter 12/17/68 we identify the Security Patrol Clerk immediately before and immediately after Walter's shift of midnight to 8 a.m. on 11/17/63. Department requested our views regarding having the appropriate two Security Patrol Clerks interviewed. By separate communication we are furnishing Department identities of Bevans and McCurley and informing Department we are interviewing both men in this matter.